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international patent application No. PCT/CA 96/00401 filed June 7, 1996, designating the United States and published under PCT Article 21(2) in English on June 7, 1996, which application is a continuation-in-part application of aforementioned United States Patent Application Serial No. 08/763,458, all of which applications are incorporated herein by reference.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.121(b)(iii), we enclose a separate page headed "SPECIFICATION - Version with markings to show changes made" in which all the changes to the specification made relative to the previous version are shown explicitly, inserted passages being indicated by underlined boldface type, deleted passages being in boldface type enclosed in square brackets.

#### IN THE ABSTRACT

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.121(b)(i) and (ii), please amend the specification as indicated below.

Please amend the Abstract to read as follows:

Polypeptides which stimulate bone growth: Gly Ile Gly Lys Arg Thr Asn Glu His Thr Ala Asp Cys Lys Ile Lys Pro Asn Thr Leu His Lys Lys Ala Ala Glu Thr Leu Met Val Leu Asp Gln Asn Gln Pro (SEQ ID NO:1) and subsequences, particularly Arg Thr Asn Glu His Thr Ala Asp Cys Lys (SEQ ID NO:24) and associated nucleotide sequences, methods of preparation and use, antibodies and kits.

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